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Israel Air Force aerial photographs, left to right, show a target in Baalbek before, during and after yesterday's raid. (IDF Spokesman)

## 100 dead, 400 hurt in IAF Baalbek raid

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter  
and agencies

TEL AVIV. — Some 100 people were killed and 400 were wounded yesterday, according to Lebanese reports, when the Israeli Air Force bombed and strafed targets in the Baalbek area in the northern Bekaa Valley in Lebanon.

It was the second Israeli attack in two days. On Tuesday, Air Force F-15s bombed two buildings in Bhamdoun which — according to the Israeli Defence Forces spokesman — served as terrorist bases. However, yesterday's attack was on a much larger scale.

The delta-winged planes appeared over Baalbek at 8.10 a.m., according to reports from the area. As they dropped their bombs local militia men and Syrian troops fired ground-to-air missiles. But the planes also dropped balloons which deflected the heat-seeking missiles. All planes returned safely, the IDF spokesman said.

According to the spokesman, the bases attacked served as training camps and starting points for ter-

rorists of Iranian affiliation. Several months ago terrorist organizations occupied those sites and turned them into training camps and operation bases from which they departed for attacks, the army spokesman added.

One site was described by the official announcement as a former Lebanese gendarmerie camp, about 1.5 kilometres south of Baalbek.

According to local Lebanese reporters, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards and the Islamic Amal occupied that building last October but gendarmes continued to serve there.

The main two-storey building was completely demolished, the reporters said. Several other buildings in the camp were also hit. One of the casualties was identified as Maher el-Assad, a rebel PLO leader. He was seriously injured and rushed to Damascus.

The Associated Press said however, that the nearby Wavell Palestinian refugee camp took the brunt of the raid.

The refugee camp is reported to

## Reagan says meeting with Assad possible

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Reagan yesterday held out the possibility of meeting personally with Syrian President Hafez Assad to try to promote peace in Lebanon.

But White House officials later insisted that Reagan had no immediate plans to meet with the Syrian leader.

Reagan's suggestion came during a brief ceremony at the White House with Jesse Jackson and U.S. Navy pilot Robert Goodman, who was just freed from Syrian captivity. (See story, page 4)

Asked whether plans to meet Assad were in the works, Reagan referred to the letter which he sent to Assad a day earlier following Goodman's release. "We have opened communication with him and we hope it will lead to that," Reagan said.

Administration officials said the special U.S. Middle East envoy, Donald Rumsfeld, had returned to Lebanon this week with specific "new" proposals to advance the peace process. They suggested

Rumsfeld could come up with some concrete progress in the next "two or three weeks."

The administration has appealed to concerned members of Congress to demonstrate patience during this third Rumsfeld shuttle to the region. There has been intense pressure on Reagan in recent days to remove the U.S. Marines from the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in Lebanon, especially following the release of the Pentagon's highly critical study of the October 23 bombing of Marine headquarters in Beirut.

Secretary of State George Shultz is due to meet today with Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne to discuss the latest developments surrounding the Rumsfeld mission as well as other regional and bilateral U.S.-Israeli issues. Rosenne had requested the meeting.

According to Israeli officials, Rosenne wanted to review with Shultz such issues as the secretary's meeting later this month with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko

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## Orgad, Meshel to meet on 'deal,' not 'package'

Employers also involved in Tuesday's talks

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel and the chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations Eli Hurvitz are scheduled to meet next Tuesday in an attempt to conclude a tripartite economic deal.

The Histadrut, however, insists that no package deal is in store. The meeting was arranged following pressure — largely from within the cabinet — to conclude a package deal between the government, employers and workers.

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy has been pushing for such a deal and secretly met Meshel to discuss it. Yesterday he briefed Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Cohen-Orgad on his talks with Meshel.

Cohen-Orgad had planned to negotiate with the Histadrut only after the implementation of his planned budget cuts in early spring, but had to give in to pressure from Levy.

The official announcement of the meeting was made by the Treasury last night. The ministry said the meeting would take place in the framework of a committee established last November between the parties, and did not mention the possibility of a package deal accord.

Cohen-Orgad yesterday met Shamir and told him he would meet Meshel. They were later joined by Levy, who said that his efforts were not directed against the Finance Minister. He said that all he wanted was to "cool" the economy in the coming months, out of concern for the current state of affairs.

One possibility, sources say, is for at least a partial agreement being

reached on certain areas, without a whole package deal accord. According to Treasury officials, the gap between the parties is still too large to be bridged in the short term, but this does not mean that a partial agreement cannot be reached.

The Histadrut yesterday made a special effort to deny that any package deal was at all possible. A statement issued yesterday quoted Meshel as "forcefully" denying reports that the three groups were to meet to prepare such a deal.

Speaking at the opening session of the Social Workers Union, Meshel insisted that next Tuesday's meeting was designed to create a basis for a common programme designed to encourage development, to boost production for exports and to reduce unemployment.

There is room for "certain arrangements" to ease the economic situation, "but this does not mean a package deal," he said.

The Alignment-dominated Histadrut would not join the Likud-led government in a package deal for "ideological and pragmatic reasons," the Secretary-General insisted. "There is no common ideological basis shared with this government and we reject any social contract with it."

Past package deals contained agreements whereby the government froze taxes, private employers froze prices and workers accepted a wage freeze.

The paychecks for January are (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

## Lebanese court reinstates ailing Haddad into army

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
and DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

HAIFA. — The Lebanese State Court in Beirut yesterday reversed the seven-year-old ruling by which Major Sa'ad Haddad was cashiered from the Lebanese Army.

Militia leader Haddad remained in "serious but stable" condition in the Rambam Hospital here yesterday, deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai said last night.

The 46-year-old major was cheered by the news of his reinstatement in the Lebanese Army. The news was relayed to him by his family and doctors two days ago, said Ben-Ishai.

The court — comprising a Christian and two Moslems — is reported to have ruled unanimously that Haddad should be reinstated in the Lebanese Army, regain his rank and all his rights.

Seven years ago he was accused of working against Lebanese interests, was cashiered and all his rights were withdrawn. Haddad continued wearing the Lebanese Army uniform and insignia and ran his own militia, with Israel covering the costs.

Haddad is rumoured to be suffering from cancer, although officially he is being treated for "fatigue and exhaustion." His wife and two brothers have maintained a constant vigil at his bedside since he was admitted to the hospital on Sunday morning.

He reportedly had a quiet day yesterday with only close friends and relatives being allowed into his room in the internal medicine department, unlike the previous day when he was visited by Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy.

## 16 ex-Ansar detainees arrested again

Post Knesset Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that 16 of the detainees at the Ansar camp, east of Sidon, who were released in November's exchange of prisoners with the PLO have been re-arrested.

Replying to an oral parliamentary question by Tewfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), Arens said Toubi's figure of 150 re-arrests was incorrect.

The re-arrest of the 16 was initiated by the Security Services because the men were suspected of terrorist acts against the IDF after their release.

Twelve of those re-arrested were released after the suspicions against them were found to be groundless, Arens said. Three are in the initial stages of interrogation, not at Ansar, and one detainee admitted having committed a terrorist act in which an Israeli soldier was injured.

## Suspect in Nablus shooting now cooperating with police

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A suspect in the shooting of an 11-year-old Nablus girl broke his silence this week, reconstructing for the police the events that led to the girl's death.

Ephraim Segal, 26, who had refused to cooperate with the police since his arrest on suspicion of being an accessory to the murder in early December, yesterday led police carrying videotape equipment to the alleyway in Nablus where the girl was killed while in a bakery.

The police reportedly have collected material evidence against Segal as well as against the man whom they believe sprayed the bakery with bullets from an Uzi sub-machinegun. Yosef Harnoi was ar-

rested on the basis of ballistic tests that matched his weapon with spent cartridges found outside the bakery. The bakery is more than a kilometre from the scene of a Nablus demonstration from which IDF troops sent Segal and Harnoi away.

Also arrested last week was Pinhas Mahrabi, an Egged bus guard who allegedly served as an accessory after the fact when he agreed to swap weapons parts with Harnoi, in an apparent effort to obstruct the ballistics inquiry.

Senior police sources close to the investigation headed by Tat Nizav Armand Levi, of the serious crimes division at National Police Headquarters, said that Segal's reconstruction "matched the evidence" that Levi's investigative crew put together since the murder.

## IDF may soon be able to thin out Lebanon units

By DAVID LANDAU  
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No pullback, or dramatic redeployment of Israeli forces in Lebanon is imminent, but there may be some thinning out of units. This is the picture emerging in Jerusalem from top-level deliberations between cabinet, policy-makers and senior army staff.

The government is hopeful that the rival factions in Beirut will conclude a security agreement for the city soon, and that will enable the Lebanese Army to deploy south of the city.

The next phase — Israeli officials are reluctant to predict a date for it — would be the Lebanese Army's crossing the Awali River to take over some of the area held by the Israeli Defence Forces.

On a parallel tack, Israel is pressing ahead with its behind-the-scenes efforts to foster friendly Shi'ite forces in the south. An informed source said yesterday that while these efforts had not yet produced a credible Shi'ite local militia leader, there were grounds for optimism in this respect.

Set in this broad context, the Israeli Air Force's short but devastating raid on Syrian-supported Shi'ite terrorists near Baalbek yesterday is seen as a signal to the Syrians that despite political controversy at home, the government is not weakening in its determination to achieve its security requirements in Lebanon.

A senior defence source reiterated to reporters here this

## Beirut gov't, Phalange accept peace plan

BEIRUT. — The Lebanese government has announced its formal agreement to a comprehensive security plan designed to bring a permanent end to fighting among the country's warring factions.

Announcing government approval of the long-awaited plan Tuesday night, Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan said only a very few details remained to be worked out with rival groups.

"I now hope that after our final approval of it as the Lebanese authority, it will find its way to implementation shortly," he said.

The announcement followed weeks of discussions with leaders of Lebanon's main rival armed groups, the right-wing Phalangist Lebanese Forces militia, the mainly Druse Progressive Socialist Party and the Shi'ite Moslem Amal militia.

Pierre Jemayel, head of the Phalangist Party, declared yesterday that his party and the Lebanese Forces would give their complete support to the agreement. Jemayel, father of the Lebanese president, said the Phalangists would facilitate all actions whose aim was to strengthen the legal government and the presence of its institutions.

He added that the Phalangists would turn over Christian militia positions to the Lebanese Army in the area of Iklim al-Haroub and the coastal road to the south.

None of the other factions has yet announced its approval of the security plan and full details have not been released. Wazzan's announcement appeared to be designed to prompt them into declaring their agreement.

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## Police may intensify inquiry into Terror Against Terror

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

National Police Headquarters is considering beefing up the inquiry into the Terror Against Terror group with men from the serious crimes division who apprehended Jewish settlers suspected of killing an 11-year-old Nablus girl. The Knesset is to hold a debate on the is-

sue. While the settlers under suspicion in the Nablus case are not suspected of involvement with Terror Against Terror, police sources said last night that the apparently successful completion of the inquiry into the case — two Elon Moreh men are in remand — now enables the serious crimes division to get on to the Ter-

ror Against Terror (TNT) case. Based in Jerusalem, because that's where the case first broke into the open, the investigation concerns the series of boobytrapped grenades found at various Christian and Moslem religious sites during the past few weeks.

Despite reports that the special investigating team, headed by Inspector Moshe Ariel, has been cut back to only one man, The Jerusalem Post has learned that the team averages four men a day. The team would welcome extra help, including higher ranking officers from national headquarters.

Aside from ongoing efforts to gain the cooperation of Arab villagers and others who may have inadvertently been eyewitnesses to the bombers' activities, a key element in the investigation has been the numerous telephone calls to

news organizations made by a man speaking fluent North American-accented English with a hint of an Israeli accent. The caller took responsibility for the grenade attacks.

Despite Interior Minister Yosef Burg's statement yesterday that the police are discounting the phone calls, The Post has been told on the highest authority that the calls are significant, because on at least two occasions the caller has known

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## Reconvening of Jordan parliament expected soon Deputies from West Bank summoned to Amman

By DAVID RICHARDSON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seven West Bank deputies of the long-suspended Jordanian parliament yesterday crossed the Jordan River bridges for Amman in anticipation of the lower house being called into special session during the weekend as a prelude to possible new elections.

In Amman yesterday an unidentified deputy told the Associated Press that he and his colleagues had been "informed verbally" to be present in the country between the ninth and the 12th of January and await an official invitation for the convening of the session.

The reconvening of parliament and new elections has been anticipated for some time and is being seen by both local Palestinian and Israeli observers as part of King Hussein's preparations for an eventual meeting and agreement with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

The Jordanian parliament fell into disuse following the June, 1967 war when Israel conquered the West Bank. It was formally suspended following the 1974 Rabat Arab summit that recognized the PLO as the "sole

legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

Among the West Bank deputies who left for Amman yesterday, according to local sources, were Abdul Rauf Fares, a representative for the agricultural district of Nablus; Edward Hamis, a Christian deputy from Beit Jalla; and Muhammad R'shad of Jenin who is linked to the royal family by marriage.

Only 46 deputies of the original 60-member house are still alive and if a new parliament is not elected soon, a situation could arise in which there would not be the necessary quorum of 40 to reconvene parliament.

Only 12 of the 30 deputies elected to represent the West Bank still reside here, while others are now permanent residents of Amman and other Jordanian cities. However, their participation is apparently essential if the king is to ensure a quorum and at least the appearance of support from Palestinians in the West Bank.

Jordanian and local observers have predicted that the parliament would meet for a short session to approve a constitutional amendment allowing separate elections to be held on the East

Bank. The king would be empowered to appoint West Bank representatives by royal decree. Parliament would then dissolve itself in anticipation of the new elections probably to be held in the spring.

However, the AP report from Amman yesterday suggested the amendment to Article 88 of the Jordanian Constitution would only allow the king to appoint new members to replace 13 dead deputies, six of whom represented the West Bank.

Israeli authorities who were approached Tuesday by the local deputies immediately approved their requests to cross the bridges and are aware of the plans for reconvening the parliament.

These Israeli sources voiced some scepticism about the reports following a statement from Hussein while on a trip to Europe that he would prefer negotiations including the Soviet Union. They suggested that by reconvening parliament and by calling new elections, Hussein was bent on re-establishing an independent representative position on the West Bank. This would give him greater authority when it came to meeting Arafat.

## Search on for Aleppo killers

ALEPPO (AFP). — The police here are conducting an intensive search for the killers of a Jewish woman and her two children, official Syrian sources said yesterday.

The woman and her children were found murdered last week, and their house ransacked and robbed. Sources said there was no religious or political motive for the murders.

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## The weather at major Swissair destinations

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AMSTERDAM	2 36	7 45	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	0 32	6 43	Rain
PARIS	20 46	27 50	Rain
CHICAGO	6 20	0 32	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	2 36	7 45	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	1 34	7 45	Rain
GENEVA	3 37	10 50	Rain
Helsinki	0 32	2 38	Cloudy
KONG KONG	8 46	14 57	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	18 41	21 70	Clear
LONDON	8 46	14 57	Rain
MADRID	3 37	8 43	Clear
MILAN	2 36	7 45	Cloudy
MUNICH	15 5	10 30	Snow
NEW YORK	0 31	14 57	Cloudy
PARIS	2 36	7 45	Cloudy
PRINCE JANEIRO	2 37	8 43	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	19 46	27 50	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	1 34	3 38	Cloudy
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with scattered showers.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Mile-Max	Max
Jerusalem	40	6-13	12
Golan	40	6-13	12
Nahariya	39	8-19	17
Safed	39	5-10	10
Haifa Port	36	8-19	17
Tiberias	36	9-21	18
Nazareth	36	7-16	14
Afula	38	4-19	16
Shomron	32	0-16	14
Tel Aviv	66	9-18	17
B-G Airport	76	7-20	18
Lod	51	8-22	20
Gaza	76	8-17	17
Beer Sheva	37	6-18	17
Eilat	17	10-23	22

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Menahem Savidor, Speaker of the Knesset, yesterday visited at the Knesset by Mr. de Vries, chairman of the Christian Democratic Party in the Dutch parliament.

Haim Kubersky, director-general of the Interior Ministry will address the Rotary Club at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

## In Memoriam

A memorial ceremony was held yesterday on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the disappearance of the Israeli Navy submarine, Dakar and its 69 crewmen. Taking part in the ceremony were navy commander Aluf Zeev Almog, Chief IDF Rabbi Aluf Gad Navon and senior officers.

## ARRIVALS

Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, national president of the Jewish National Fund of America, for matters relating to the JNF and to attend meetings of the Jewish Action Zionist Action Committee.

George M. Goe, J.P., president of the United Synagogue of Great Britain and Ivan Sackheim, president of the Federation of Synagogues of South Africa, will attend the executive meetings of the World Conference of Synagogues and Kehillot, and the World Zionist Council.

## Former Ashdod mayor named ministry chief

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Zvi Zilker, former Likud mayor of Ashdod, was yesterday appointed acting director-general of the Communications Ministry, following the resignation of Eliahu Barak.

Zilker will start work on Sunday. Barak, a former ambassador to Colombia who served as director-general for 20 months, reportedly had good relations with works committee strongman Rabbi Levi, a Herut supporter with dozens of years tenure in the ministry, as assistant director-general.

## Two dead, two injured in Nazareth road crash

**NAZARETH (Itim).** — Two Nazareth residents were killed, and two others injured, in a traffic accident here last night. One of the injured persons was reported in critical condition. The head-on collision between two cars occurred on the Nazareth-Migdal Ha'emek highway.

The dead were identified as Hassan Salim Sa'ad, 23, and Leila Adib Abad, 25.

## Chaika Grossman not to be Mapam leader

**TEL AVIV.** — At a stormy meeting of the Mapam Central Committee at the Ohel Shem hall here last night, Chaika Grossman failed to gain the appointment of party secretary-general. The veteran kibbutz leader, who was the only nominee for the post to succeed Victor Shemtov, lost by a vote of 212 to 203.

Observers say that there is now a good chance that the party will ask Shemtov, who quit following the Mapam convention vote last year to remain in the Alignment, to return. Shemtov wanted to break away from the Alignment.

## HOME NEWS

### Ben-Porat: Syrian Jews not alone

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat said yesterday that Syrian President Hafez Assad should know that the Jews in his country are not alone. Enlightened public opinion throughout the world was behind them.

Ben-Porat was replying to motions for the agenda on the recent murder in Aleppo of a mother and her two children, submitted by Yehuda Ben-Meir (National Religious Party), Haim Druckman (Matzad), and Ya'acov Gil (Alignment).

The minister said there was danger that the weakness of the Syrian regime might lead to the liquidation of the Jews still living there.

He called upon the Syrian government to permit Jewish single women to emigrate, to permit the free sale of property, and to permit

visits by representatives of other Jewish communities in order to give the Jews of Syria moral support.

Directives have been issued to Israeli representatives throughout the world to continue to activate humanitarian organizations and to bring to the attention of the public the danger that hovers over the Jews of Syria, Ben-Porat said.

He recalled that in the past, the World Council for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Countries had been successful in improving the situation of Jews in Egypt and Iraq.

"We are convinced that continued pressure on Syria will also help," he said.

Two Knesset members and Jerusalem's Sephardi Chief Rabbi turned up yesterday at a memorial ceremony for the Aleppo murder victims. The ceremony was held at the Birkat Avraham yeshiva in the Moslem Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

The MKs, Gil and Yehuda Perah, left before the ceremony began because members of the press and television were not allowed into the yeshiva by students acting on the orders of Birkat Avraham's Rabbi Leizer Berland. Jerusalem's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shalom Mashach was there during the ceremony.

Abraham Dwek, self-styled patron of Birkat Avraham was visibly discomfited by the students at the door since it was he who invited members of the press.

Gil reportedly came to the ceremony to learn more about Jews in the Moslem quarter — a subject which will be debated soon in the Knesset Interior Committee. Perah supports Jewish settlement in this quarter.

Mayor Teddy Kollek, also invited to the ceremony, did not come.

### Rapid build-up by Syrian army

**By JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
**Post Defence Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — The Syrian army is already stronger than it was on the eve of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and this year it is expected to complete its planned build-up, military correspondents were told yesterday.

Reliable sources said Soviet military aid to Syria totalled \$2.5 billion between June 1982 and last month.

With Soviet help, Syria gained another tank division and another infantry division as well as several tank and infantry brigades, the source said.

Syria's military manpower has increased, largely by delaying the discharge of soldiers who have completed their normal compulsory service and by calling up reservists for long periods. Syrian soldiers have been kept busy in many offensive maneuvers, the source added.

Syria's equipment has improved too. T-72 tanks have replaced T-55 and T-62 tanks in two of Syria's five tank divisions, the source said.

Since the start of the Lebanon war, Syria has received some 200 tanks (T-72s and others), 150-200 armoured personnel carriers, 50 to 100 towed and recoilless cannons, some 100 BM-1 Katyusha launchers and the SS-21 ground-to-ground missiles.

Syria's Air Force has received tens of MiG-21s and Sukhoi-22s. SA-8 and SA-9 ground-to-air missiles and new radar systems have also been delivered.

The Syrian Navy is planning to buy four Ninotchka missile cor-

vettes equipped with improved Stix ship-to-ship missiles and ground-to-air missiles.

Altogether last year, Syria had 3,600 tanks, some 2,700 armoured personnel carriers, about 600 planes, some 2,300 cannons, 2,000 anti-tank launchers, some 75 batteries of ground-to-air missiles and 75 ships.

To improve General Headquarters' control over its large ground force, the army combined several divisions into two corps.

The build-up has been undertaken with the assistance of some 4,000 Soviet Army advisers who became far more involved in the build-up after the war. This increased involvement was apparently in reaction to the disappointment the Syrians expressed with Russian arms and aid, the source reported.

### Labour unrest continues

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

Agriculture Ministry employees plan to start work sanctions this morning, as Electric Corporation workers decided to return to normal work. Transport and Labour Ministry employees may vote to strike next week.

At the Agriculture Ministry the 2,700 employees took a one-day holiday yesterday and held general meetings. As of this morning they will stop cooperating with the ministry's administration.

The reason for the dispute is the ministry's decision to fire 160 tenured workers. Among the measures planned for are holding up approval of exports and preventing slaughtering at regional slaughterhouses.

Electric Corporation employees have declared a "cease-fire" in their industrial action. Starting today until Sunday they will work normally, a spokesman for the central and southern works committee told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

But he warned that the sporadic strikes which closed several departments and offices in the past four days will be intensified unless management agrees to their wage demands.

A number of departments in the Ashdod and Jerusalem areas were shut yesterday and workers were sent home. Electricity supplies, however, have not been affected. The employees said it was not their

intention to hit the public by their actions.

The works committee representing the 23,200 employees in the northern region is due to meet today to decide whether to join the action.

Works committee leaders from Transport Ministry offices throughout the country met in Tel Aviv at noon today to vote on whether to launch sanctions beginning next week.

The 940 employees are angry about the Treasury's order curtailing authorized overtime, and its reduction in the number of allowable paid kilometres a car-owning worker receives as part of his pay cheque.

At the Interior Ministry, the sanctions continued yesterday, with only 40 passports issued for emergency or hardship cases. Otherwise, no passports, birth certificates or other personal documents were processed or issued, and no incoming telephone calls were passed on.

In a goodwill gesture towards their director-general Haim Kubersky, ministry employees permitted the transfer of funds to cash-hungry local authorities, to enable them to pay their workers. Had the money been held up, approximately 70,000 local authority workers would have gone on strike in a matter of days.

The staff of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs yesterday started voting on whether to launch

a full-scale strike next week. The polling at the various ministry branches around the country should be completed on Sunday.

Vocational students eligible for unemployment benefits demonstrated outside the ministry yesterday to protest that the sanctions imposed by the workers have held up their grants for this month.

Hundreds of welfare institutions run or subsidized by the ministry in addition to municipal welfare bureaus have been denied ministry allocations for the last several weeks due to the sanctions, some have closed and many are on the verge of closing.

Employees of the Atomic Research Station near Dimona yesterday blocked the entrance to the plant, as they held a general meeting to protest the decision to cut overtime hours and car allowances. The workers also said the management had not fulfilled its promise to introduce a system of incentive pay.

### Timna workers block road

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

**EILAT.** — Timna Copper Mines employees again blocked the road to Eilat yesterday in protest against the decision to close the mine — this time for over five hours. The workers' action was taken without the approval of the local labour council. The road was reopened after Eilat Mayor Rafi Hochman and the local police chief negotiated with the protesters.

The workers drove a large number of vehicles and some items of heavy equipment onto the road at 7 a.m. They let the air out of the tires and returned to the plant.

Police brought heavy reinforcements, backed by a helicopter to Eilat; but they were not used.

In Jerusalem it was announced that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad and Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt decided on Tuesday to keep on 120 Timna employees for maintenance, after the mine is closed. They also decided that the plant would start firing workers on Friday.

The Timna Copper Mines have already lost \$12m. during the current financial year and their accumulated losses since 1980 total \$30m., according to the director-general of Israel Chemicals Yoram Ziv.

Ziv told the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday that from the economic point of view there was no justification for keeping Timna open, but social considerations had led to a decision to take Timna off stream without closing it down. Meanwhile, jobs would be sought for part of the staff, in other Israel Chemical plants, he said.

### Ministry budget cut will hit aged, retarded and children

**By CHARLES HOFFMAN**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

A cut of 9 per cent in next year's budget for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs would mean turning out 2,000 residents of homes for the aged and the retarded and 1,000 children in boarding schools, according to a ministry document obtained by *The Jerusalem Post*.

Drastic cuts in the institutions run by the ministry, which take up a considerable portion of its budget, would also mean firing hundreds of workers.

The document was prepared yesterday to examine alternative ways of making the 9 per cent cut imposed on all ministries by the Ministerial Economic Committee on Tuesday. Other ways to make the cut would be to send home hundreds of juvenile delinquents in

ministry homes or to stop vocational training courses for several thousand pupils.

Deputy Minister Ben-Zion Rubin indicated that the ministry was not preparing to make such drastic cuts. "It's such a simple thing to tell several thousand retarded and old people to pack up and go home, isn't it?" he reflected bitterly.

Asked if Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad had proposed additional cuts in National Insurance benefits at the Tuesday meeting, Rubin said: "More cuts? That's something we'll have to leave for the next finance minister."

He said that the ministry had suffered more than its share of cut-backs this year since it was under-budgeted to begin with and has not received additional allocations to make up for inflationary erosion of the sums fixed last April.

### Terror suspect's night burial postponed by High Court

The High Court of Justice yesterday forbade the Judea-Samaria Civil Administration from burying a suspected terrorist last night.

Supreme Court Justice Dov Levin issued an interim injunction, forbidding the night-time funeral at 9 p.m., in answer to an urgent application by the brother of the dead man.

Reida Kalyani was shot by an IDF patrol near Nablus on Sunday, while apparently trying to escape. He was later admitted to the Rashad Hospital in Nablus, where he died of his wounds. It was announced that he was on a list of terror suspects.

One of the Kalyani brothers is the PLO representative in Yemen; another made the last-minute application to the High Court.

When Kalyani's family prepared his funeral, they were ordered by officials of the Civil Administration to bury him at night. They were told that, if they did not comply, he would be buried anyway by members of the security forces.

The family's lawyer appealed to the Civil Administration's legal adviser, who justified the custom of night burials to prevent possible disruptions during day-time funerals.

The appeal to the High Court said that enforcing night-time burials was against the Geneva Convention, showed dishonour for the dead and added to the grief of the family.

Justice Levin issued an interim injunction until tomorrow, when the court would hear the pleas of both sides.



Defence Minister Moshe Arens (left) with U.S. Senators John Warner and John Tower (centre and right) in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

### Peace plan must include Syria, Mubarak aide says

**CAIRO.** — Egyptian presidential adviser Osama al-Baz said yesterday any plan for a comprehensive Middle East settlement should include Syria.

Al-Baz was answering newsmen's questions after reporting to President Hosni Mubarak on talks he had this week in Jordan and Iraq.

"Any plan for peace must be collective and should necessarily involve Syria," he said, reiterating similar remarks he has made in the past.

Al-Baz travelled to Amman and Baghdad to deliver messages from Mubarak to King Hussein and President Saddam Hussein on Egypt's views on regional developments.

He said he brought back replies to Mubarak from the Jordanian and Iraqi heads of state.

He said the exchanges dealt with "the necessity of a concerted and coordinated Arab movement with international support" to resolve the Middle East crisis.

"Egypt is striving by all means to encourage a Jordan-PLO dialogue and is prepared to join it if it will help the two sides to resume it," al-Baz said.

Al-Baz said Egypt envisaged a three-step scenario following Arafat's forced exodus with his terrorists from northern Lebanon under pressure from PLO rebels:

- The Palestinian movement should put its own house in order;
- Resumption of the Jordan-PLO dialogue with Egypt's participation if the two sides so desire;
- Syrian participation "at some stage" because Israel occupies the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967.

"We are in touch with the Arab countries and we should concentrate in the coming stage on a comprehensive settlement," al-Baz said. "We should focus on the Palestinian problem and should not overlook the Syrian dimension." (Reuters, AP)

### Fatah panel: Syria, Libya plot anti-PLO conspiracy

**By DAVID BERNSTEIN**  
**Post Middle East Reporter**

The Central Committee of Yasser Arafat's mainstay Fatah group ended its marathon meeting in Tunis yesterday and issued a communique denouncing what it called a Syrian and Libyan conspiracy against the PLO.

The communique did not take Arafat to task for his controversial meeting with Egypt's Hosni Mubarak in Cairo last month, but did indicate that Fatah was intent on distancing itself from the meeting which has been openly condemned as contravening past Fatah and PLO positions banning contact with Egypt.

Fatah leaders were "surprised" at the meeting, the communique noted, and regarded it as "a personal initiative" on Arafat's part.

There was no indication in the communique that the Mubarak meeting had come close to costing Arafat the leadership of the PLO, as some reports from Tunis had suggested earlier this week.

In a related development, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa, which has remained firmly loyal to Arafat throughout last year's rebellion against his leadership, reported yesterday that the five officers who had led the rebellion have been found guilty of treason by the Supreme Palestinian Military Council and have been expelled from Fatah.

The Nicosia-based agency said the council also unanimously authorized Arafat, as the chairman of the executive committee of the PLO, "to take the necessary steps" in order to expel the five officers from the Palestine National Council.

Wafa said the five expelled rebel officers are: Colonels Mohammed Tarki al-Khadra, Mohammed Zahran and Sa'id Musa (Abu Musa), Lt. Col. Mahmoud Hamdan (Abu Adwi) and Major Yusef al-Ajjouri. The latter was described as the representative of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

"The (military) council also decided unanimously to take legal action against these officers for committing high treason by fighting against their revolution and their people in the Maddawi and Nahr-el-Bared refugee camps and against the Lebanese people in the Bekaa (valley), thus executing a Syrian-Libyan conspiracy against the PLO and its legitimate leadership," Wafa reported.

The agency did not specify the form of the trial envisaged for the rebels or whether they were likely to be sentenced to death — the usual penalty for high treason — if convicted.

In Cairo, Arafat was quoted in a Cairo magazine interview as saying he was not contemplating forming a Palestinian government-in-exile at the present time.

Arafat was interviewed by the weekly magazine *Al-Musawwar* in North Yemen last week for publication in tomorrow's issue.

### Defence Ministry weighs budget cut

**Post Defence Reporter**

**TEL AVIV.** — Senior Defence Ministry officials said yesterday they were still examining the implications of the economic ministers' decision to slash government budgets by 9 per cent. However, one source predicted the defence cut would mean reducing the number of planes and tanks.

A senior source told *The Jerusalem Post* it was not even clear whether the 9 per cent cut was to come in addition to the cuts planned last August. Those plans called for a 5.5 per cent reduction in expenditures during the current fiscal year and a further 2.5 per cent cut next year.

The ministry's original plan accordingly called for reducing manpower, training and new construction.

Former chief of staff MK Haim Bar-Lev said the budget could be slashed.

He said the army could reduce the size of its forces in Lebanon. There was no need to maintain

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already scheduled to include a higher cost of living allowance, compensating workers for the price rises between October and December (minus the 17.9 per cent advance paid on December 25).

Meshel said yesterday that because of galloping inflation the allowance should be raised every month, starting from next month's paycheck. Moreover, paychecks should be paid every fortnight, he said.

These topics seemed to be the "interim arrangements." Meshel wanted in order to maintain a quiet labour front until the current wage agreement expires on March 31.

The secretary-general would not say what concessions he was prepared to make in return. He would only say he had some "concrete proposals" which could prevent chaos in the economy.

However, he insisted, a precondition for any interim arrangement is cancellation of all unilateral cuts, introduced by the government in violation of existing labour contracts. Workers have been fighting cuts in overtime pay and car allowances.

Earlier yesterday, the Civil Servants' Union rejected a request to stop the wave of sanctions and strikes. The request was made by Hillel Dudai, the Treasury official responsible for wages and labour relations, at a meeting with the secretary-general of the Histadrut Civil Servants Union Reuven Ben-Ami.

The two discussed the conditions for negotiations on the next labour agreement. Dudai asked that a quiet labour front be maintained until the government reacts to the Histadrut demands.

Ben-Ami said the union would consider Dudai's request but added that he did not expect it to be met. "We don't think we ought to stop the sanctions when we are in such high gear just because he (Dudai) met us," Ben-Ami said. Dudai did not even accept the demands, the Histadrut official added.

"The government cannot expect us to honour the labour agreements (which provide for industrial quiet) when it is the one breaking those agreements by reducing real wages," he said.

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week that the IDF would only pull out when the government was confident that security arrangements were in force on the ground that would prevent a return of the PLO to the border zone. The source made it clear this was Israel's only condition for withdrawal. Israel is no longer insisting on simultaneous Syrian withdrawal from all of Lebanon as a *sine qua non* for ensuring its (Israel's) security requirements.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir discussed the IDF's situation in Lebanon yesterday with Defence Minister Moshe Arens, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy and other key officials. Informed sources spoke cautiously of this meeting. They said it was part of an ongoing deliberation and did not preclude any dramatic decisions.

The political and military leadership was concerned, the sources said, about the continuing attacks on IDF units in South Lebanon and much of the deliberation focussed on ways of reducing the danger to the soldiers.

While Israeli policy-makers are aware of the growing public pressure in the U.S. to withdraw the marines from Beirut, the assessment here is that there will be no precipitate American pull-out.

Nevertheless, the knowledge that the MNF is destined to be withdrawn fairly soon must weigh on Shamir because the MNF's withdrawal will inevitably intensify pressures from the Israeli public for an end to the IDF's embroilment in Lebanon.

There was no hint yesterday, according to Israeli sources, from visiting U.S. Senator John Tower as to what he would recommend to President Ronald Reagan on the future of the marine force in Lebanon. The senator, chairman of the powerful Armed Services Committee, is in the area on a fact-finding mission.

Arriving here yesterday from Cairo, accompanied by Sen. John Warner, Towers met with Deputy Premier David Levy and (separately) with Defence Minister Moshe Arens. He is due to see Shamir this morning before continuing to Syria.

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## Country in crisis, Knesset becalmed

Despite the mounting national worry over the economic situation, coming on top of the accumulated concern caused by the occupation of Southern Lebanon, the public crisis of confidence has not triggered off a parliamentary crisis of confidence.

This is because the constitutional procedures relating to the formation and dissolution of governments and the holding of early elections can make the Knesset an island of inaction, if not of calm, in the midst of the storm.

Asked about this, Alignment MK Haim Barlev, who is also secretary-general of the Alignment's Labour wing, told *The Post* that if the small factions allied to the Likud offered to cross the floor and help form an alternative coalition, the Alignment would agree "because anything is better for the country than the present desperate state of affairs."

However, Barlev hurried to add, if the threat of these coalition splinters, to ditch the Likud, catalysed the creation of a parliamentary majority (which has so far not existed) for early elections, "the Alignment would certainly prefer this to an alternative government."

Barlev said: "The tragedy of the country is that important groups

within the Likud as well as individual Likud MKs size up Israel's situation today in the same terms as the Alignment. They all agree that our present government is incapable of extricating Israel from the economic, social, political and security morass into which it got Israel, and they go along with the solution advocated by the Alignment."

"But nevertheless they are unwilling as yet to draw personal conclusions. They have a narrow personal interest in keeping their seats, or a narrow party interest in keeping their influence."

Barlev said: "They put the good of the nation second. They agree with the Alignment in private, but they vote with the government in public."

The thrust of Barlev's analysis, that the moment the prospect of an alternative government emerges, and the small coalition factions or some of them suggest joining an Alignment-led coalition, the Likud will thwart and punish these renegades, was confirmed to *The Post* by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Palti.

Palti said: "Leaving aside the Communists (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) all the small

coalition factions are scared stiff of elections. Their threats to desert us have proven hollow because we have made it plain to them that our threat to join hands with the Alignment in early elections has neutralised their threat to pull the Likud coalition down and enter an Alignment-led coalition. That is because the Alignment thinks the same way as we do about the splinter parties."

Palti said: "Aguda, the National Religious Party and Tami will all emerge weaker from an election than they are now. If you want to understand why the three-man Tami faction is making so much noise now to attract its voters, you need only look at the public opinion polls which predict Tami will get one seat and no more."

Palti said: "If we have an early election I would like to see a national unity government between the Likud and the Alignment come after it, in which the small factions will not be needed, and which will not have to pay them for their support. The economic policies of an Alignment government would be no different from those of a Likud government because different solutions do not exist, to the same economic problems."



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (second from right) meets yesterday in Jerusalem with representatives of Israel's Arab community. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Shamir promises to help Arab community

By YOEL DAR  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has pledged to make sincere efforts to close the social and economic gap between Jews and Arabs inside the pre-1967 borders.

This promise was made at a meeting held in Jerusalem yesterday between the premier and 15 chairmen of Arab local councils, 12 clergymen and senior officials from Galilee and the Little Triangle villages. Only the chairman of the national committee of Arab local councils, Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, boycotted the meeting since the organizers allegedly did not consult him.

Among those who attended the meeting was the head of the Gush Halav council Sheikh Tawfik

Asaliye, the chairman of Sakhnin local council Mohammed Ebnalem and Rasmi Biyadseh, former deputy adviser of the prime minister on Arab affairs.

The prime minister stressed that Arabs are an inseparable part of the State of Israel and "we together, Jews and Arabs, must do our best to reach further cooperation, understanding and peaceful coexistence since fate has compelled us to live in this area for many generations."

On the Israel-Arab conflict Shamir said that his government would like to sign peace accords with more Arab countries.

"We are sincerely trying to persuade Arab leaders to abandon the path of war as a means of solving problems and to adopt a new policy which could lead to peace and a

better future in the Middle East," he said.

The Arab dignitaries urged Shamir to intervene personally to persuade government officials to allocate more budgets and grants for Arab local councils which are facing financial difficulties. They also need land for young couples, for building apartments for those who need them.

Another problem is finding suitable jobs for educated people and those who hold university degrees. The prime minister promised personally to deal with their problems and to contact his aides immediately.

*The Post* learned that Shamir will meet in Jerusalem next week with the representatives of the Beduin tribes to get acquainted and to hear about their problems.

## Tourism Ministry expose probed

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Civil Service Commissioner and the State Corporations Authority are probing press allegations of unethical management and deviations from sound administrative procedure in the Tourism Ministry.

This was stated yesterday in the Knesset State Control Committee by chairman Avraham Katz-Oz, in a discussion of the allegations first aired in *Ma'ariv*. The charges were mainly directed at Ministry director-general Rafi Farber.

State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik said that for the time being he was leaving the probe to the two bodies most directly involved.

Katz-Oz admitted that he had not checked out the facts in the press expose, but nevertheless he did not feel the Knesset State Control Committee should be silent.

Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir told the committee the entire affair was a fabrication which had damaged the officials involved without giving them a chance to stand up for their rights.

## Burg defends

## prison leave policy

Post Knesset Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday defended the liberal policy of Prisons Commissioner Mordechai Wertheimer regarding leaves and other privileges for prisoners.

Replying to an oral parliamentary question by Micha Reiser (Likud-Herut), Burg said there was no connection between Wertheimer's policy and the recent escapes by prisoners.

Burg quoted at length from the report of the Knesset Committee, which declared that a prison should aim to be an educational institution and that "a daring policy" on leaves should be adopted.

Reiser had mentioned a recent case in which a convicted rapist had raped another woman at the end of his leave. In a supplementary question, he asked whether the present policy meant that the public would be exposed to dangerous prisoners who escape while on leave.

Burg said that the statistics he had presented showed that the danger was minimal. But he added that "there is a committee which may again consider whether a change in the directives is called for."

## Pensioner sends gifts to Marines in Beirut

HAIFA (Itim). — Two carved wooden artifacts, made by a pensioner, are on display at the Maritime Museum here before being given to American forces serving in Lebanon.

Yuval Ya'acov from Jerusalem has carved a *hanukia*, which he plans to give to a synagogue on a Sixth Fleet vessel, and a replica of the U.S. Marines emblem, which he wants to send to the commander of the marine contingent in Beirut.

Ya'acov has also given out more than 300 wooden toys to children of Border Policemen killed in the Tyre tragedy. He travelled from village to village, giving out the cars, planes and boats which he carved himself.

## IS100,000 limit set for small claims cases

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset Law Committee yesterday raised the limit of claims in the Small Claims Courts to IS100,000.

At a session devoted to consumerism, the committee also decided to hold a thoroughgoing discussion soon on the work of the Small Claims Courts, and the experience they have amassed, with a view to considering whether the claims limit should be raised to IS200,000.

The committee also debated an amendment to the Apartments Sales Law initiated by its chairman Eli Kulas, whereby the insurance taken out to protect the money of apartment buyers until the contractors hand the finished apartments over, would be linked to the cost-of-living index.

## Rush to open Postal Bank checking accounts

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 1,200 checking accounts have been opened during the last two weeks in Postal Bank branches by customers apparently eager to evade the new high fees being instituted by the commercial banks for services provided free by the Postal Bank.

Queues at the main post office branch in Jerusalem were long yesterday, as customers waited to open accounts. Branch clerks said they couldn't recall any period with such a large demand for opening Postal Bank accounts.

Until last month, the 650 regular branches of the Postal Bank and its additional 650 mobile post office branches handled only 30,000 checking accounts in the whole country — a figure which has remained nearly static over the last 10 years.

In an investigation two weeks ago, *The Jerusalem Post* found that the government had failed to promote the

Postal Bank as an alternative to the commercial banks, despite the fact that the Postal Bank offers free banking services to the public (for cheques, transactions, transfers and the like). The government also receives Postal Bank collections for bills almost immediately, while the commercial banks hold on to money collected on behalf of the government for up to six days.

Nitza Yonatan, deputy head of the customer division of the Postal Bank, told *The Post* yesterday that the bank was generally well prepared for the onslaught of customers for checking accounts. She added that demand for the accounts was strong in all parts of the country. After failing to supply adequate information on what the Postal Bank offers, an information sheet for potential and actual customers has finally been prepared. But it has still not been printed in large numbers, she conceded.

New plans for TV and press promotion of the Postal Bank have still not been approved by the Communications Ministry, which is responsible for the Postal Bank.

## TA museum director may face charges of illegal building

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ha'aretz Museum Executive Chairman Rehavam Ze'evi and other museum officials may face criminal charges for illegal building in the museum, Avraham Poraz, former legal adviser to the Regional Urban Construction Commission, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The commission will discuss the scope of the alleged illegal building today and may consult with the Interior Ministry's legal adviser, commission chairman Mordechai Cahana said yesterday.

Lahat said yesterday that the whole matter was "blown up out of all proportion."

The city and local building committee approved the plans, but there is still the formal business of the Regional Commission's approval. "Neither myself nor Ze'evi, Penn, Caspi or anyone else tried to build illegally or ignore any illegal construction works in the museum," he said.

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## Police can't explain Herzliya assault yet

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police said they were unable to clarify yesterday whether a man reportedly claiming to be a police officer, who allegedly assaulted an elderly Herzliya Pituh resident and brutally kicked another resident, was in fact a policeman.

Two men and a woman in plainclothes, claiming to be policemen, arrived at 142 Wingate Street in Herzliya Pituh at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Estelle Bornstein, who lives in the building, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Bornstein said that the police were apparently called following a dispute between her neighbour, Neva Milo and another neighbour. She said she saw one of the men, who said he was a police officer, kicking Milo in the stomach and groin. Milo was lying in the doorway of the building. The two other "policemen" watched without intervening. Then the man went to the Born-

stein's door and demanded information about the neighbours. Hyman Bornstein, 70, asked the man for identification. But instead of replying, the man twisted his arm and kicked him.

The three then took Milo away in a white unmarked car, after the "officer" said to Hyman Bornstein: "I'll be back to get you."

The Bornsteins filed a complaint on Monday with Ramat Gan police, fearing to go to the Herzliya police in case they might run into any of the "policemen" involved.

"We felt as citizens that we should complain about this incident," Estelle Bornstein told *The Post* yesterday, noting that they were treated with sympathy and understanding by the Ramat Gan Police.

But the Tel Aviv district police spokesman Adi Gonen said he could not investigate or comment on the incident since it was now being looked into. "As soon as the investigation is over I'll be able to comment on it," he said.

## MK Ron queries Burg about 'Nekuda' funding

Post Knesset Correspondent

An article in *Nekuda*, the journal of the Judea and Samaria Settlement Council, calling for the deportation of West Bank Arabs has prompted MK Imri Ron (Alignment-Mapam) to ask Interior Minister Yosef Burg about the accuracy of reports that the ministry helps fund the publication.

Ron put a parliamentary question to Burg to ask whether the ministry pays for unbridled racist incitement such as: "There is no room for Arabs in this land," which appeared in the journal.

He also tabled a question to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer asking how much ministry funding went to support the Kedumin College in Moshav Kedumin near Nablus, which is currently giving a course on the "Basis of the Arab Mentality." Ron asked Hammer whether state funds should go for racist instruction and whether the course carried his ministry's approval.

## Sixth Fleet ship due in Haifa for repairs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The U.S. Sixth Fleet destroyer tender USS Puget Sound is due here on Sunday to repair two landing ships which have seen duty off Beirut.

They are the troop-landing ship USS Port Snelling and the tank-landing ship Manitowoc. They are expected to be here for a week.

The Puget Sound, which serves as the fleet's flagship, is to stay for a fortnight.

The commander of the Sixth Fleet, Vice Admiral Edward Martin, is due to come for a visit, either on his flagship or by plane, a U.S. Embassy spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Last year, some 21,000 men and women of the Sixth Fleet visited Israel.



A man concentrates while prayers are recited near Mea She'arim for the eight "martyrs" who were jailed for rioting over the City of David excavations last summer. About 700 people took part in yesterday's rally, during which psalms were read to protest the fate of those ordered jailed by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Women plan protests against private kindergarten fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The head of the working women's department in the Histadrut yesterday threatened that women would demonstrate and block traffic next month to force the government to lower day-care and private kindergarten fees.

Department head Aliza Tamir sounded this warning at a convention on Women in the Technological Age held yesterday at Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Tamir said that the higher fees would make it impossible for a woman with two young children to

work, since her salary would be eaten up by day-care fees.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs announced yesterday that the fees for day-care centres for children of working mothers would jump by 52 per cent this month. The fees are updated quarterly when the cost-of-living increment is paid.

The new graded fee schedule states that it will cost between IS12,950 and IS16,700 a month. A woman eligible for the maximum subsidy given to low-income families will pay from IS3,750 to IS5,000 per month.

## Haifa doctor gets grant for research

HAIFA. — A IS200,000 grant from the Mifal Hapayis medical research fund has been awarded to a doctor of the Rothschild Hospital here, the spokeswoman for the Friends of the Hospital society reported yesterday.

Dr. Yisrael Shapira, of the gynecology and maternity department, received the grant for his work in assessing pre-natal heart functions.

Dr. Shapira was one of 16 researchers, out of 73 applicants, to receive grants from the medical research fund, which is named after the late Pinchas Sapir, who was a Labour finance minister.

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## Jackson, freed pilot meet Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Navy Lt. Robert Goodman Jr. returned home to America yesterday after a month in Syrian captivity and headed for a White House welcome along with the man whose personal appeals secured the airman's release.

Accompanied by Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, Goodman arrived aboard a U.S. military transport provided by President Ronald Reagan.

Goodman and Jackson stepped out of the plane and raised their clasped hands amid cheers from more than a hundred well-wishers and the rousing sounds of a band.

Goodman, dressed in his Navy uniform, received hugs from his wife and family, who had travelled to nearby Andrews Air Force base.

"God Bless America," he said. Reagan, who a week ago refused to accept telephone calls from Jackson and warned that Jackson's mission could harm Goodman's chances for release, set aside time to meet with Jackson and Goodman in the Oval Office.

"You don't quarrel with success," Reagan said Tuesday, in a call placed by the White House to Jackson. He said, "All Americans thank you. There have been a lot of prayers here in Washington. I have been praying for you. I couldn't be happier."

He appeared amenable to Jackson's appeal, made during a stopover in West Germany, for negotiation and not confrontation with the Syrians.

"I think the Reverend Jackson deserves unanimous public approval," said former vice president Walter Mondale, a fellow Democratic presidential hopeful, in a speech to the National Press Club.

Mondale and other Democrats took the occasion to criticize Reagan's policies and call for the withdrawal of U.S. Marines from Beirut.

One conservative Republican senator, Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire, said Jackson accomplished in four days what might have taken Reagan "several years, and we probably would have had to

pay reparations" to Syria for Goodman's release.

Another Republican senator, Charles Grassley of Iowa, took a different view of Jackson's accomplishment.

"I think it's an effort on the part of the president of Syria to embarrass our president because, obviously, if he was going to release him, he wouldn't have waited until Jesse Jackson came," Grassley said in Des Moines.

Vice President George Bush said his reaction to Goodman's release was "joy, sheer joy."

In an editorial, *The Washington Post* said it was "good news" that Syria released Goodman, but it was wrong for Jackson to make his mission to Damascus in the first place.

The Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* said yesterday that Jackson had scored a major political victory over Reagan by obtaining Goodman's release. Since Jackson flew to Syria the Soviet media have reported favourably on his entire mission.

## Salvador loses 100 troops

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Military commanders in El Salvador report more than 100 soldiers were killed in a recent rebel attack on an army garrison, believed to be the single worst loss suffered by the army in the four-year civil war.

The armed forces, in a statement Tuesday, said the army base at El Paraiso was "partially destroyed" during the attack Friday by leftist rebels.

The statement said that only 350 soldiers were guarding the El Paraiso garrison, because the other troops — about 1,000 — were patrolling nearby dams.

In a clandestine radio broadcast, rebels claimed they killed or wounded 300 soldiers, including 20 officers, in the attack. The rebels also said they took 200 prisoners.

The government was stunned by that attack and another two days later in which rebels destroyed the key Cuscatlan Bridge linking the eastern third of the country with the west.

## Nigeria's military rulers move to restore normality

LAGOS (Reuters). — Nigeria's new military rulers are moving swiftly to restore normality to the country after their virtually bloodless coup last Saturday.

The Cabinet Office announced last night that a dusk-to-dawn curfew had been lifted and airports reopened, although sea ports and land borders remained closed.

The announcement was made after the new head of state, Major-General Mohammed Buhari, swore in members of a 19-man supreme military council. He is chairman of the council which is now Nigeria's highest ruling body.

The armed forces government also started restoring domestic and international communications links, severed during the coup.

Buhari, promising "the greatest good for the greatest number," said that resolving Nigeria's economic crisis, caused by a sharp drop in crucial oil exports, would be his administration's top priority.

"We will move with all speed to ameliorate economic conditions," he said, adding that his economic targets were the provision of drinking water, electricity and lower food prices for all.

Traditional economic indices of economic growth and gross domestic product did not interest him, Buhari said.

The News Agency of Nigeria reported that Shagari was brought to Lagos in handcuffs under military guard yesterday. He was flown to Lagos in a military transport from the northern city of Kaduna where he had been held since his arrest in Abuja.

The U.S. expressed regret on Tuesday over the ouster of Nigeria's elected government in the military coup but said it intends to work with the new regime.

Buhari, at his first meeting yesterday with foreign diplomats, defended the coup that brought him to power, saying that the ousted civilian government had not brought democracy to the country.

"Before apologists for democracy therefore rush to judgment, let them be honest enough to admit that the presidential system of government and 'democracy' as practised in Nigeria in the last four years had become a veritable millstone around the country's neck," he said.

## Troops patrol Tunis streets

TUNIS (AP). — Tunisian soldiers and security police carrying machine guns and grenade launchers patrolled the streets of the capital yesterday, after the government declared a state of emergency following a week of widespread street violence.

Tanks and armoured cars were stationed at key crossroads and along Habib Bourguiba Avenue, the capital's main artery, as normal traffic resumed. But witnesses said they were less numerous than Tuesday, when a dusk-to-dawn nationwide curfew was declared.

Tunisian Prime Minister Mohamed Mzali, in a television broadcast Tuesday night, appealed for calm and his statement was given prominent attention in the newspapers.

The violence erupted last week in the south after the government increased the price of bread and other staples. It spread to Tunis and other major cities on Tuesday.

Unofficial sources put the death toll across the country at 25 with hundreds more injured. The official death toll is four and there has been no statement from the government on the extent of damage, which newspapers said was considerable.

In his television broadcast, Mzali blamed the troubles on elements "attempting to overthrow the regime."

"Let these individuals or small groups who think it will be easy to topple the regime know that all their efforts are doomed to fail," the prime minister said.

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## Argentina exhumes 200 'lost' bodies

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Forensic experts were yesterday trying to identify about 200 bodies exhumed from unmarked graves in cemeteries throughout Argentina during the last two weeks.

The courts have received evidence suggesting the bodies are those of some of the estimated 6,000 to 30,000 people who disappeared during the last eight years of military rule.

Witnesses have said most of the corpses were buried on police and army orders and many of those examined so far show bullet wounds and signs of torture.

A total of 110 corpses, including those of several children, were exhumed Tuesday from five cemeteries on the outskirts of Buenos Aires, where court in-

## 200 'lost' bodies

vestigations are under way. But many of these are skeletons and forensic experts said it would be difficult to positively identify most of them without the help of additional data.

A major investigation of human rights abuse under military rule has begun since Argentina returned to democracy on December 10.

President Raul Alfonsín's military leaders from 1976 to 1982 on charges of authorizing the kidnapping, torture and murder of thousands of people during the armed forces campaign against leftist guerrillas.

He has also set up a special government commission to investigate the fate of those who disappeared.

## Afghans kill 31 Soviet, government troops

NEW DELHI (AP). — Moslem rebels killed 31 troops in an attack on government army headquarters in Afghanistan's second largest city last month, and Soviet jets and helicopters retaliated with a Christmas Day bombing raid, western diplomats said yesterday.

An unspecified number of Soviets were among those killed in the December 22 mortar and rocket attack on the 2nd corps headquarters in the southern city of Kandahar.

Suspecting that some Afghan officers had helped plan the attack, Soviet troops conducted a search of the military housing area on December 23, the report said. There was no word on whether any evidence was found.

Quoting a witness, the report said Soviet MiGs and helicopters bombed Kandahar on December 25. It had no details on casualties or damage.

The diplomats spoke on condition they not be identified by name or nationality. Their information could not be independently verified. The report quoted "highly reliable sources" as saying that government control in Kandahar was "virtually nil."

It said most schools were shut and Moslem insurgents forced bazaars to close by noon every day. Fighting raged in the centre of the city day and night, and many residents had fled across the border to Quetta in Pakistan.

The Soviet Union on Tuesday accused China's official news agency of perpetrating "gross anti-Soviet and anti-Afghan fraud" in an article on Afghanistan.

The government newspaper *Izvestia* accused the official Chinese news agency of printing on December 24 an item which it said "grossly distorts" Soviet aid to Afghanistan.

## Defence head halts army's Aquino probe

MANILA, Philippines (AP). — Defence Minister Juan Ponce Enrile ordered the military yesterday to stop conducting a separate probe into the Benigno Aquino assassination following protests from civilian investigators.

A fact-finding board headed by a retired judge earlier wrote Enrile charging that the military investigation, held independently of the board's inquiry, was scaring the board's witnesses.

Enrile, in a directive to armed forces chief Gen. Fabian Ver, said that in line with President Ferdinand Marcos's orders, "all matters of inquiry concerning the Aquino case shall be under the authority and supervision of the board," an announcement said.

If the military wants to conduct any inquiry of its own, it must first obtain the board's permission, Enrile said. He said this would "preclude any misapprehension, no matter how baseless, that the quest for justice...is being thwarted."

Earlier, Ramon Balang, a civilian witness to the assassination, sought protection from the board after soldiers visited his home saying the military wanted to interrogate him. Balang's testimony before the civilian board disrupted the military version of the assassination which pointed to Rolando Galman, an alleged communist hired gun, as the assassin.

Troopers immediately killed Galman after Aquino, returning from U.S. exile August 21, was shot.

## U.S. mid-air crash narrowly averted

MIAMI (AP). — Air traffic controllers mistakenly put two Pan American World Airways jets carrying almost 500 people on intersecting flight paths, almost causing a collision over the Atlantic Ocean, a Miami control supervisor said.

The Sunday incident was confirmed by Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Dennis Feldman, who identified the aircraft as a Boeing 747 en route from London to Miami, and a McDonnell Douglas DC-10 charter from New York to St. Martin, Virgin Islands.

The near-miss occurred while the jets flew at 11,300 metres, under the control of the FAA's regional air traffic centre in Miami, he said.

One of the pilots filed a "near mid-air collision report" with the

FAA after the two planes crossed paths 298 kilometres east of Miami, said Roger Myers, an FAA regional spokesman in Atlanta.

Myers could not verify exactly how close the planes came, but said the report indicated they were "within 183 metres vertically."

But *The Washington Post* in yesterday's editions cited unidentified aviation sources as saying the unidentified pilot who took evasive action estimated the planes came within 15 metres.

EARTHQUAKE. — An earthquake which killed at least 12 people in Pakistan on Saturday also killed 30 people and caused severe damage in neighbouring Afghanistan, the Czechoslovak news agency Ceteka reported from Kabul yesterday.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sri Lanka ethnic riot victims still living in camps

COLOMBO (Reuters). — More than 13,000 minority Tamils are still living in welfare camps following ethnic violence in Sri Lanka last July, an official said yesterday.

The refugees lost their homes when fighting broke out between the Tamils and majority Sinhalese. Nearly 400 people, mainly Tamils, were killed.

The official said the government was offering cash and other aid to the refugees.

Tamils, who comprise 2.5 million of the island's 15 million population, accuse the government of discriminating against them and are demanding a separate state.

Arab group repeats claim of French bombings

PARIS (Reuters). — A French news agency said it received a letter yesterday from an Arab terrorist group that on Tuesday claimed responsibility for two railway bombings that killed five people in France on New Year's Eve.

Agence France Presse said the message in French and Arabic to the French people from the "Armed Arab Struggle Organization" was posted Tuesday in West Berlin.

Another group, calling itself "The Children of Sheikh Abdullah," later also claimed responsibility for the bombings in telephone calls to international news agencies.

Car rams gates of cruise missile base in Britain

GREENHAM COMMON, England (AP). — A car crashed into the gates of a security checkpoint at the U.S. cruise missile base in Greenham Common Tuesday, slightly injuring a policeman, authorities said.

A spokesman for Britain's Defence Ministry said the car drove through the main entrance of the base after a British military policeman opened the gates slightly to check his identity.

The car rammed the gates, knocking the policeman into a barbed-wire fence. He was treated at a hospital for minor cuts and bruises and released.

The driver, who was not identified, was arrested on a charge of causing bodily harm. He is due to appear in court February 20.

UN takes up Angolan charges against South Africa

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The Security Council was summoned into session yesterday to hear new charges by Angola of South African aggression, two weeks after the same UN body demanded that Pretoria withdraw all its troops from Angolan territory.

In a letter to council president Victor Hugo Tinoco of Nicaragua, made public on Tuesday, Angola's President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said South African and Angolan troops were involved in "violent combat," more than 200 kilometres north of the border with the South African-ruled territory of Namibia (South West Africa).

Italian kidnap victim to receive new ear

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Italian kidnap victim Giorgio Calissini, 16, underwent surgery Tuesday to help heal a wound left by captors who chopped off his ear. But it will be at least six months before a new ear can be reconstructed, according to a doctor.

"The amputated ear could not be considered for reattachment. Both because it went unrefrigerated for several days and because of the high risk of infection," said Dr. Burt Brent of the California Ear Institute.

Brent said he uses cartilage from the patient's ribs and sculpts it to form an ear, which is implanted under the skin.

Spain to sell armaments to Saudi Arabia

MADRID (AP). — The EFE news agency, quoting "reliable" but unidentified sources, said yesterday that Spain will sell Saudi Arabia armaments and ammunition worth 24 billion pesetas (\$150 million).

EFE said the contract was signed in November, shortly after an official visit here by Saudi Arabia's Defence Minister, Prince Ibn Abdulaziz.

The agency said the armament is to include transport aircraft, armoured vehicles and tug boats.

West German foreign minister hurt in car crash

BÖNN (Reuters). — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher was injured yesterday when his car skidded on ice and overturned near the city of Saarbrücken, a spokesman for his Free Democratic Party said.

Genscher, 56, western Europe's longest serving foreign minister with almost 10 years experience, broke a breast bone and suffered cuts, a spokesman said.

The minister was flown home in a helicopter after being treated briefly in hospital.

### Trial of Sartawi's accused killer begins

ALBUFEIRA, Portugal (Reuters). — An Arab appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of a senior PLO moderate, Issam Sartawi, and said he belonged to the Fatah terrorist organization.

The accused, arrested after the 49-year-old Sartawi was killed in a hotel lobby during an International Socialist conference here last April, was asked by a journalist if he was a Palestinian.

He said "Yes, and I belong to Fatah."

Asked, if he was a member of the

Abu Nidal group that has claimed responsibility for the killing. The man, who has refused to give his name, would not answer.

Angered by photographers yesterday he shouted in English: "Do not take photos of me. Go to Lebanon and take pictures of Israelis and Americans killing Palestinians every day."

There is no death penalty in Portugal. If convicted of murder, the accused could face a sentence of 20 years in jail.

West German Nazi-hunters are 'racing against time'

LUDWIGSBURG, West Germany (AP). — For more than 20 years a team of German specialists has helped track down thousands of aging Nazi war criminals, but their leader says they are losing a race against time and death.

Some 6,400 former Nazis have been sentenced by German courts since the war. But experts at one time estimated between 70,000 and 100,000 people were suspected of wartime crimes, and now these experts doubt that many more will be brought to justice.

"So many witnesses have died, so many people are getting too old to remember," said Adalbert Rueckerl, the 59-year-old director of the innocuously named Centre for State Justice Administration.

## Sports

### Chappell's record

SYDNEY (AP). — Former Australian captain Greg Chappell eclipsed Sir Donald Bradman's run record and rescued his country in his final Test of the series against Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

At stumps on the third day Australia were three for 242, just 36 runs short of Pakistan's first innings 278 all out. He opened his Test career in 1970 with a century.

Chappell, with Bradman's record already in his pocket, was still three on 79, seemingly set for a century, when he was dismissed by the most illustrious batsman in the history of the game. He opened the day needing 69 runs to overtake Bradman's Australian record of 4996 in Test cricket. Bradman made his run in 52 Tests at an average of 99.34, while Chappell has played in 87 Tests and has averaged 53.44.

In Brisbane, Queensland rocked the West Indies in the opening one-day limited over match of their tour. After West Indies struggle to 283 for 9, reaching this score only through Chappell's rescue operation by captain Clive Lloyd (73 not out), Queensland knocked off the runs for the loss of only four wickets — but they only hit the winning run off the fourth last ball. Carl Rackemann took 4 for 32.

### Narrow squeak

Post Sports Staff

The Israel national basketball team scraped a narrow 56-52 victory over Sweden in a game remarkable only for its low scoring. This was the opening match of the Four-Nation Invitation Tournament in Stockholm yesterday. In the other game, Yugoslavia beat Greece 85-72. Doron Jamchee and Haim Zlotikman were top scorers with 14 each.

Maccabi Tel Aviv's only player in the side is Howard Lasseff, but three Hapoel Ramat Gan players came from Amsterdam to Sweden to join the team. Coach Arye Malfiel tried out several experimental combinations.

### Only beats Russian

TEL AVIV. — Israeli Orly Bialostocki this week beat an opponent from the Soviet Union in women's pre-tennis competition in Chicago, marking a rare meeting between players of the two countries on the tennis courts. Bialostocki's success came in the second round of a "Ginny" circuit qualifying tournament, after she had defeated a Japanese girl in the opening round of the huge 172-draw. But hopes of further progress were dashed by a third-round loss to an American player.

Bialostocki's teammates Rafaeli Shymoni and Rami Shvritski both went out in the round of 16. The event was the first leg of a three-tournament indoor circuit sponsored by Virginia Slims, with each meet worth \$10,000 in prize money. The Israeli tomorrow opens their challenge to San Antonio, Texas, and the series winds up in Miami Beach.

### Visitors win

Post Sports Reporter

Western Province Maccabees of South Africa, ably led by Michael Gluckman, overcame a Hebrew University Invitation XV 19-0 in a rugby match at the university's Givat Ram stadium yesterday afternoon.

The Jerusalem team put up brave resistance against the strong South African side and were unlucky not to score.

The home team was boosted by the presence of several Filijans, serving with the Mafikeng Peace-keeping force in the Sinai. The match yesterday was the final game of Western Province's tour of Israel.

### Sportoto tips

By ALPH KOHN

Single	Parlay
Hap. TA vs. Shimshon	1
Betar Jaffa vs. Be'er Yehuda	1
Mac. Jaffa vs. Yotam	1
Mac. PT vs. Mac. Hafia	1
Yotam vs. Hap. Lod	1
Amudim vs. Netanya	2
Hakohav vs. Beersheva	1
Betar TA vs. Mac. TA	1
Hakohav vs. Hap. PT	1
Ribbon vs. Marmorek	1
Ashkelon vs. Hap. R.G.	1
Betar Hafia vs. Hap. PT	2
Holon vs. Beit Shean	1

### State Cup replays

Hapoel Jerusalem 7, Tzafirim 2; Hapoel Ashkelon 1, Hapoel Ramat 1; Maccabi Afula 3, Hapoel Givat Olga 2 (after extra time)

### NBA action

NEW YORK (AP). — Golden State Warriors beat the Philadelphia 76ers 115-106 on Tuesday, cruising along with a 90-85 lead early in the fourth quarter when Eric "Sleepy" Floyd scored eight of his career-high 35 points during a 12-0 Golden State streak.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 105, New Jersey 103; New York 117, Los Angeles 105; Washington 103, Detroit 102; San Antonio 137, Utah 124; Milwaukee 104, Cleveland 92; Chicago 102, Phoenix 97; Dallas 119, Houston 117; Seattle 110, Denver 109; and Portland 123, Kansas City 104.

### College football

Georgia jumped from seventh place to fourth with 977 points by dodging Texas 10-9 in the Cotton Bowl. The setback ended the Longhorns' hopes for a perfect season and dropped them from second to fifth with 95 points.

### English soccer

First Division: Coventry 2, Sunderland 1.

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THIS WEEK

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Post Knesset Correspondent Asher Wallfish talks to MK Dov Ben-Meir

No conceivable government headed by either Likud or the Alignment would ever be strong enough to carry out the drastic reductions that can save the economy



(David Sam)

THE LABOUR PARTY politician who campaigned unsuccessfully for a national unity government 18 months ago believes that Israel is in such desperate straits today that nothing less than a "government of national salvation" as he calls it, will save the country from catastrophe.

Dov Ben-Meir, MK, who is also deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, has launched a public campaign, and claims he already has promise of support from ten other MKs from various factions straddling the coalition and opposition benches.

Ben-Meir is organizing a public committee for this government-of-national salvation, which in addition to the 10 MKs, will also hopefully embrace municipal leaders, academic figures, businessmen, economists, retired judges, ex-IDF officers and members of the free professions, as well as key men in the Histadrut.

The government of national salvation that he advocates would be based on the Likud and the Alignment, and the function of the public committee would be to prod these two mass-support parties into forming the alliance and making it work.

He told *The Jerusalem Post*: "My first proposal, in July 1982, was prompted by my concern over the war in Lebanon. Today, on top of that sore problem, Israel also faces economic collapse."

"Our dependence on American aid has turned Israel into the mercenary of the Middle East. In return for money and a strategic cooperation agreement, we are bogged down still further in Lebanon, and committed not to withdraw unless we coordinate first with Washington."

Ben-Meir points out that the Likud and the Alignment, which together will always command around 100 of the 120 Knesset seats,

under any foreseeable circumstances, not only neutralize each other, but will also inevitably be blackmailed: politically and financially by the 15 or so MKs from the

small factions, which would enter one coalition or another. "No conceivable government headed by either the Likud or the Alignment would ever be strong

enough to carry out the drastic reduction in standards of living that alone can save the economy, and to take harsh political decisions," Ben-Meir says.

Both the Likud and the Alignment have to get the splinter parties off their backs, and stop the blackmail which causes national resources to be wildly squandered

on cementing fragile coalitions, he urges. BEN-MEIR admits that he would also like to nip in the bud potential turmoil in Labour with the help of

the national salvation government alternative.

"The seats which the Likud would lose in an election would not be picked up by the Alignment, if Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin vie with each, and damage the Alignment's image," he warns.

The Labour MK, who came to this country from Rumania, says Oriental voters have turned their backs on Labour during the past decade, because they perceive the party as being motivated by narrow party interest. "The only way we can win legitimacy back in their minds, is by putting the nation above the party, and joining forces with the Likud," he says.

He has worked out a formula for every single issue dividing the Likud and the Alignment. He is sure that their failure to go into partnership a couple of months ago will not recur, because of the deterioration in so many spheres since then.

While a government of national salvation would force some of the present ministers to give up their cabinet seats, and some Alignment hopefuls to give up their prospects of a cabinet seat, Ben-Meir is sure that his public pressure campaign will convince these disappointed individuals to put the national interest before their political ambitions.

"My plan requires the support of five politicians," says Ben-Meir. "Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens can be counted on, and the third Likud key man is deputy premier David Levy. Peres can be counted on, and Rabin would go along if his present status and influence were assured."

"I know all about the ideological reservations within Labour against teaming up with the Likud," admits Ben-Meir. "But if Rabin and Peres both want a government of national salvation, they can bring Labour round."

ELECTRONIC JUDAISM

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX don't even have TV sets; the modern Orthodox are already firm believers; and the non-observant tend not to be interested in such matters.

"So why does Israel TV have a religious programming department that produces several hours of shows a month?"

The answer is not simply that the Broadcasting Authority law requires programming on Jewish tradition. In fact, says the new head of TV's Department for the Traditions of Israel, Mordechai (Motti) Priman, the shows fill a definite need.

"Tradition is the only thing that unites secular and religious Jews in Israel. It is the fast day of Tisha B'Av, a religious occasion or a historical one? It is a day that belongs to all of us."

According to polls, over 30 per cent of this country's Jewish population observe Shabbat and wear kippot (the men, that is). Even though they are quite knowledgeable about Judaism, they want to know more, says Priman. He recently replaced Rabbi Binyamin Zvielli, whose undisputed rule over religious programming began with the establishment of the department.

Priman says religious shows are popular among modern religious viewers, who like performances of cantorial works and lighter religious songs, but they are also of interest to the non-religious. He views one of his main tasks as bringing the non-observant closer to Jewish tradition.

Religious programmes are the hardest to bring to the screen, says Priman, whose career as a TV moderator and producer and radio programme editor and host followed years as principal of a Jerusalem school for mentally handicapped youngsters.

His department has constantly to battle for air-time and budget. The Friday afternoon pre-Shabbat programme of interviews and songs was discontinued a few months ago, and Priman is trying to get the half-hour back for a Thursday afternoon

programme for children that would include lessons on the Torah Portion of the Week.

His *Ma Hakesher?* ("What's the Connection?") on Wednesday evenings, he says, one of the highest-rated on TV. The quiz show tests the contestants' Jewish knowledge, while entertaining a broad audience through skits performed by comedians Dudi Gal and Tuvya Tzafir, who has run for some 18 months, and will be replaced by another religious game show around Passah.

An innovation of Priman's is the Saturday-night 30-minute discussion conducted by former entertainer Rabbi Mordechai (Pupik) Arnon, who is right-wing Orthodox and states at the beginning of each programme that he objects to television but agreed to appear because the show might bring non-religious Jews closer to their faith.

Confronted by a died-in-the-wool-secular group of Israelis, Rabbi Arnon discusses theological and philosophical concepts. Although the programmes are too short for a deep discussion, the letters Priman has received indicate a positive response among secular viewers. Only two out of scores have attacked the show.

Seventh-graders at a state school in Jerusalem's Makor Baruch quarter, which has been plagued during the past year by *haredi*-secular violence, said that their view of religion changed as a result of the programme. "We thought religious Jews are illiterate, but they can be very smart," they wrote, and hoped the show would be expanded to an hour.

Arnon obtained permission from his rabbi-mentor to appear on the programme, but another entertainer-turned-rabbi, Uri Zohar, adamantly refuses to take part in it. "I'm still trying," says Priman.

There will probably be a total of four encounters between Rabbi Arnon and secular Jews, the next one with scientists as his foil.

The Saturday-night half-hour is a mixed bag of interviews, comments on the Orthodox press, explanations of holidays, and singing from can-

toral pieces to Sephardi ballads in Ladino. Recently Shlomo Bar's *Habreita Hativit* with a choir of boys performed a Sephardi oratorio on the blessing of the new moon. Some Ashkenazi viewers thought it was boring, and Priman himself admits that he didn't like it. But the response from Sephardi viewers, many of them secular, was "overwhelming."

In the long run, Priman hopes to institute a greater variety of programmes: His plans include a magazine on Jewish tradition, art and folklore, shows from religious moshavim, kibbutzim or other settlements, and confrontations between famous secular parents and their newly-observant children. Those he is thinking of for the latter are Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, former IDF chief of staff Rafael Eitan and Aluf (res.) Rehavam Ze'evi and their children. Former labour minister Moshe Baran and his daughter have agreed to appear.

In addition, a number of special programmes to be filmed on location are being planned — one in Kibbutz Sha'alvim, another in a prison yeshiva and a third featuring the choir of Kibbutz Yavne. The dramatized series on religious court cases will also be revived.

The biggest change, perhaps, will be the disappearance of *Psuko Shel Yom* the traditional late-night reading of a passage from the Bible or other holy books by Moshe Hovav or another narrator. The reading, which has been a regular fixture for more than a decade, has often been parodied by satirists.

In its place there will be *Psuko shel Hefetz* ("Verse of a Thing," *Psuko shel Tzemaich* ("Verse of a Plant") and the like, focusing on the biblical connection of objects and places familiar to all. Priman is also planning to take clippings from the daily press like reports of deaths on the roads and relate them to Halacha.

Unlike his predecessor, Priman does not oppose on principle the broadcast of Rabbi Avidor Hachoen's Portion of the Week

programme on Friday nights, designed for the secular audience. Rabbi Zvielli would have nothing to do with it, because it might, he argued, encourage TV watching on Shabbat. But Priman says that while he has never watched even a recording of the programme, he doesn't find anything wrong with the idea. Religious Jews won't switch on their sets anyway, and those who do watch may as well get some feeling of Shabbat.

Priman, a graduate of the Rubin Academy of Music and the holder of degrees in Jewish thought and education from the Hebrew University, says he would like to change the image of the department for the Traditions of Israel at Television House by producing shows that will entertain and inform religious viewers and attract the non-observant as well.

Settlement on ice

By LIORA MORIEL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE TINY settlement of Ir Ovot in the Arava is now back where it started nearly 18 years ago: one small family with minimal means of production and very few friends. Because there is a policy that virtually bans the disbanding of settlements in Israel, Ir Ovot will not be totally deserted, but it will get little official help in its fight for survival.

Eldad Gissin, director of the southern region for both the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jewish Agency, told *The Jerusalem Post* that plans for the expansion of Ir Ovot are back in the drawers. The handful of residents will continue to get water and electricity, and the date grove will remain in their hands, as will those caravans

already supplied. But the master plan calling for a large settlement will not be implemented.

In 1966, Simha Pearlmuter, an American Jew, arrived in the area with his family and a few friends. Slowly, with no institutional authorization or help, Pearlmuter and his two wives and nine children and a few idealistic supporters carved out a settlement in the desert with their bare hands. In 1980, the settlement organizations, prodded by then agriculture minister Ariel

Sharon, recognized Ir Ovot and gave it the standard help: water, land, temporary housing, a date grove and a now-defunct toy factory. The apolitical, largely amorphous HaHud HaHaklai farmers' association took Ir Ovot under its wing.

However, even though water was found at Ir Ovot and was reputed to have medicinal properties, attracting many paying guests, and even though the place began to receive institutional funds, success proved elusive.

One problem was that the settlement organizations insisted that the non-Jews of Ir Ovot would have to convert if they wanted member

status. Fifteen people converted, in a ceremony supervised by then chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. But many of the new converts found it difficult to adjust to the Orthodox zeal that gripped Pearlmuter: they wanted a more secular Judaism.

Another problem was Rabbi Ami Katz, who came with his family from Yamit. The liberal young rabbi soon became a favourite of the media (as an Orthodox rabbi who was a member of Shulamit Aloni's Citizens' Rights Movement) and constituted a threat to Pearlmuter's leadership.

Katz persuaded the settlement to join the Satmar Rabbi's camp, promising both money and new members.

Pearlmuter says that he opposed this move from the start. At any rate, many members left, the Satmar help never materialized, and even Katz left. He then caused the

settlers to be excommunicated by the Rebbe in Jerusalem, and thus practically ensured that the water cure would no longer be a money-maker for the people left in Ir Ovot. (Although the water cure itself is free, Ir Ovot charges for room and board.)

Nearly a year ago, when Pearlmuter's wife Judith left with four of his children, the population of the settlement returned to what it was in the beginning.

Shlomo Wolf of Ihud HaHaklai said that there is no plan to move the settlers out and move a new group in: "To my mind, anyone who lives in the Arava is a Zionist and does not deserve to be punished for his ideals."

However, the land and water rights that Ir Ovot will lose because the original master plan has been frozen will be given to a new group of settlers should one be created.

A consoling message

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Liturgia 1983: The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Gary Bertini conducting; Edith Wiens, soprano; John Broecheler, baritone; Munich Motet Choir; Jubilate Choir, Finland; Rand University Choir, South Africa (Binyamin Ze'evi, January 1); Johannes Brahms: Ein deutsches Requiem, Opus 45.

AS EXPECTED, Brahms' *magnum opus* provided the climax for this year's Liturgia. Its emotional impact and sheer beauty never fails to grip the listener, imparting a consoling message through the noble music.

Three choirs, from Germany, Finland and South Africa, joined forces for this musical feast — and the effect was tremendous. The rich sound in the soft passages and the forceful sonorities of the few louder parts provided the dynamic outlines for a choral performance that was, in general, beautifully balanced.

The two soloists, who had relatively small parts, albeit with some of the most moving and demanding music, were well up to the highest standards. Edith Wiens, the Canadian soprano, sang her consoling words with warm, motherly feeling and a beautifully controlled and balanced voice. Baritone John Broecheler, from Holland, mastered his aria "Lord, make me to know mine end" effortlessly, enabling unreserved enjoyment of the emotional text and its intense interpretation.

Gary Bertini led the performance with his usual confidence and the orchestra, which has a less prominent though quite important part in the work, did their very best to serve this music and its message. A memorable night.

Liturgia 1983: Recital by Paul Esswood, counter-tenor; Barbara Schmutz, organ (Luthera Church, Old City, Jerusalem, January 2); Works by Beethoven, Samuel Scheidt, Heinrich Schütz, Pelham Humphrey, Henry Purcell, Olivier Messiaen, Antonio Vivaldi.

THIS RECITAL not only presented a counter-tenor to a curious audience but comprised much Renaissance music completely unknown to the average listener. A counter-tenor is the accepted term for a male alto who uses a falsetto technique to reach the higher regions of the human voice. In our time, Alfred Deller made this voice register widely known, and Paul Esswood is an excellent representative of this particular vocal genre. His alto has a rich, well-developed and balanced sonority, and his musical phrasing is excellent. True, interpretational modulation is limited to dynamic shades, so that a certain similarity of style replaces the desired vocal flex-

ibility in timbre, colour or intonation used and applied in other, "regular" registers.

The music of the 17th century, which formed the bulk of the programme, is somewhat brittle in texture and rough in harmonies for listeners brought up to appreciate the great music of J.S. Bach. One has to be reminded that all this happened 100 years before Bach brought that era to an unsurpassable climax.

Esswood's marvellous musicianship provided full enjoyment of every item.

Organist Barbara Schmutz accompanied with restraint, with a marked preference for wood-wind registers and soft dynamics, though Esswood's voice, further aided by the bright acoustics of the church, came through strong and lively. As a contrast, she played some excerpts from Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur*, written in 1935 and appropriate to the season.

To show that a male alto is not restricted to Renaissance and Baroque music, Esswood closed his programme with three songs by Dvorak. Their biblical content fitted in well with the rest of the programme, and the singer proved his point.

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